

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 3, 2013

AGENDA NO. 23

REPORT: Stationary Source Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Stationary Source Committee met Friday, April 19, 2013. Following is a summary of that meeting. The next meeting will be May 17, at 10:30 a.m., in Conference Room CC8.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dennis Yates, Chair
Stationary Source Committee

MN:am

Attendance

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. Present were Mayor Dennis Yates, Dr. Joseph Lyou, Dr. William Burke (VT), Supervisor Shawn Nelson (VT), Mayor Pro Tem Judith Mitchell and Councilman Ben Benoit.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Designate Funds and Authorize Payment for Low Emissions Hearth Product Incentive Voucher Program in Target Areas

Tracy Goss, Program Supervisor, gave the staff presentation. The 2012 AQMP showed that additional episodic reductions were needed to reach attainment and amendments to Rule 445 – Wood Burning Devices to tighten the curtailment forecast threshold to $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is a key element of the AQMP. Staff is proposing an enhanced incentive program to complement Rule 445 with focus in the areas of poorest air quality. For PM_{2.5}, the area is the greater Jurupa Valley area, which includes the Mira Loma monitoring station. This is the only station measuring concentrations above the federal 24-hour standard. Staff is proposing a voucher program to include

expanded consumer groups, such as low-income, that have not participated in the existing program for a number of reasons, such as cost. Mr. Goss then summarized the voucher process, stating that the program will enable a broader range of products. The incentives will be based on whether gas service is available and the consumer is low-income, or if the consumer is exempt from Rule 445 curtailments due to wood burning as being sole source of heat. Staff is requesting \$600,000 in funding; \$500,000 for direct incentive funding and \$100,000 for program outreach and potential hiring of temporary employees to help implement the program. The goal is to implement the program this winter to contribute to attainment of the 24-hour standard in 2014.

Carla Walecka, representing the California Realtors Association stated this program is exactly what they hoped for when commenting on the AQMP, for the program to be robust and focused in target areas of poorest air quality, which this program delivers.

Dr. Lyou, stated that the monitoring station is suppose to represent the regional area and wanted to make sure that the program was not focused on just lowering emissions next to the station. Mr. Goss stated that the AQMP modeling showed that 40% of the PM2.5 emissions being measured come from the surrounding area and are generally upwind. Joe Cassmassi, Planning and Rules Manager, explained that controlling the source would have a significant impact on the monitoring station. Dr. Lyou then stated that he hoped staff was looking at other measures to achieve reductions; to which Mr. Cassmassi stated that various options were assessed during the AQMP and analysis of CEQA alternatives. Agriculture and dairies are also contributors. This voucher program is very cost effective in obtaining emission reductions in a short period of time.

Supervisor Nelson expressed support for the program and shared personal experience and concern over the cost of installation. Many current retailers are high-end and installations cost almost, if not more, than the incentive currently being offered. That makes it more affordable to go to a big box retailer and install it yourself. He further stated that installation costs should be considered in the incentive to prevent a shock by consumers of having an additional installation costs on top of an already potentially expensive purchase. Dr. Elaine Chang, Deputy Executive Officer stated that staff recognizes this based on experience gained from the current program and that the proposed voucher program will allow consumers to have more choices of retailers and it includes consideration of the cost of installation.

Moved (Mitchell) seconded (Benoit), and unanimously recommended for approval.

2. Execute Contract for Implementation of U.S. EPA's Targeted Air Shed Grant Program

Susan Nakamura, Planning and Rules Manager, presented a request to execute a contract with IQAir North America in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 to complete an air filtration project at Lytle Creek Elementary School in San Bernardino. This air filtration project was initiated and partially funded with money from the Unocal Reformulated Gas (RFG) settlement. The total filtration cost is \$100,000 and the Unocal RFG was able to fund \$72,000. An additional \$28,000 is needed to complete the project. The SCAQMD staff is recommending, and US EPA concurs, that money from the EPA Targeted Air Shed Grant, Advanced Technology Outreach and Education Fund (17) can be used to complete this project.

Moved (Mitchell) seconded (Lyou), and unanimously recommended for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

3. Annual Report for 2012 on AB 2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots Program

Tom Chico, Program Supervisor presented this item. The Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987 (AB 2588) requires local air pollution districts to prepare an annual report. Mr. Chico summarized the accomplishments of the AB 2588 "Hot Spots" Program for calendar year 2012 and listed the accomplishments to date and plans for 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell inquired about recent activities involving Exide Technologies (ID 124838). Dr. Wallerstein informed the Committee of very recent developments. Specifically, it was decided to hold public meetings on two days - one on a Thursday and the other on a Saturday – and at two locations – one at the Doubletree Inn in the City of Commerce and the other in Huntington Park at a location to be determined shortly. There will be three sessions on each of the two days, with one session on each day being in the evening. Dr. Wallerstein also noted that Exide has been experiencing pressure stemming from press coverage regarding the risk assessment. Dr. Lyou expressed concern about Exide's financial ability to pay for the cleanup, especially once DTSC is involved and the site could be left unmitigated. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell requested a briefing on Exide activities at the next Stationary Source Committee meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS

All written reports were acknowledged by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attachments

Attendance Roster

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATIONARY SOURCE COMMITTEE
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ATTENDANCE ROSTER (Voluntary)**

NAME	AFFILIATION
Mayor Dennis Yates	AQMD Governing Board
Dr. Joseph Lyou	AQMD Governing Board
Councilman Ben Benoit	AQMD Governing Board
Supervisor Shawn Nelson (VT)	AQMD Governing Board
Mayor Pro Tem Judith Mitchell	AQMD Governing Board
Dr. William Burke (VT)	AQMD Governing Board
Dr. Barry Wallerstein	AQMD Staff
Mohsen Nazemi	AQMD Staff
Elaine Chang	AQMD Staff
Barbara Baird	AQMD Staff
Bill Wong	AQMD Staff
Jill Whynot	AQMD Staff
Tracy Goss	AQMD Staff
Sam Atwood	AQMD Staff
Susan Nakamura	AQMD Staff
Phillip Fine	AQMD Staff
Danny Luong	AQMD Staff
Tom Chico	AQMD Staff
Joe Cassmassi	AQMD Staff
Jean Ospital	AQMD Staff
David Rothbart	LA County Sanitation District
Curtis Coleman	So Cal. AQ Alliance
Rita Loof	Rad Tech

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Bill Pearce		Boeing
Susan Stark		BP Consultant
Paul Rycur		